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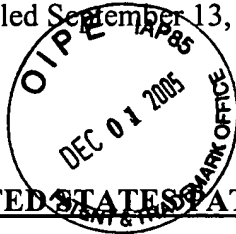
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 13, 2005, please consider the following remarks.

The Office Action rejected claims 2, 3, 5-7, and 9 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 9 of U.S. Patent No. 5,772,680 in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,309,896 to Moll et al. In response thereto, Applicants hereby submit a terminal disclaimer in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d). Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the Office Action's obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 2, 3, 5-7, and 9 has been overcome.

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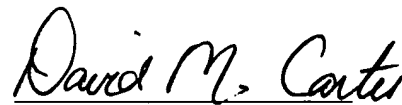
Furthermore, claims 4, 8, and 10-15 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. As discussed above, the rejection of claims 2, 3, 5-7, and 9 has been overcome. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 4, 8, and 10-15 are in condition for allowance and the objection of the Office Action has been overcome.

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Prompt and favorable action on these claims, namely claims 2-15, is earnestly requested. Should the Examiner desire a telephonic interview to resolve any outstanding matters, the Examiner is sincerely invited to contact the undersigned at 631-501-5701.

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